

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Richard B. Cheney, President of the Senate.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

January 13

In the morning, from the Oval Office, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan and with Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee of India, to discuss the situation in South Asia.

January 14

In the morning, the President traveled to East Moline, IL. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with President Bashar al-Asad of Syria. He also had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia to discuss cooperation against terrorism and peace efforts in the Middle East.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Springfield, MO, and Aurora, MO. In the evening, he traveled to New Orleans, LA.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jack C. Chow for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure as Special Representative of the Secretary of State for HIV/AIDS.

The President announced his intention to nominate Margaret Goldwater Clay, Michael Goldstein, and John Henry Winston to be members of the Board of Trustees for the Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Andrew Saul to be a member and Chair upon confirmation, and Gordon Whiting and Alejandro Modesto Sanchez to be members of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board: Carol C. Gambill, Douglas Carnine, Carmel Borders, Blanca E. Enriquez, Jean Osborn, Phyllis C. Hunter, Mark G. Yudof, Juan R. Olivarez, William T. Hiller, and Robin Morris.

January 15

In the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC.

January 16

In the morning, the President had CIA and FBI briefings and then met with the National Security Council.

The President named the following individuals to serve on the President's Council on Bioethics: Leon R. Kass, Chair; Elizabeth Blackburn; Stephen Carter; Rebecca Dresser; Daniel Foster; Francis Fukuyama; Michael Gazzaniga; Robert P. George; Alfonso Gomez-Lobo; Mary Ann Glendon; William B. Hurlbut; Charles Krauthammer; William F. May; Paul McHugh; Gilbert Meilaender; Janet D. Rowley; Michael J. Sandel; and James Q. Wilson.

January 17

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom concerning cooperation against terrorism and the situation in South Asia. He then had CIA and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. Later, he met with President Valdas Adamkus of Lithuania in the Oval Office, and then participated in a Partners in 4-H Awards ceremony in the Roosevelt Room.

In the evening, the President hosted a cocktail reception in the Residence for Republican Congressmen.

During the day, the President participated in the filming of the television productions "The Bush White House: Inside the Real West Wing," which will air on NBC on January 23, and "Inside the White House," which will air on the Discovery Channel on January 25.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Jorge Batlle of Uruguay to Washington, DC, on February 15.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Chairman Hamid Karzai of the Interim Authority of Afghanistan to Washington, DC, on January 28.

January 18

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Eduardo Alberto Duhalde of Argentina to discuss the economic situation in Argentina. He also had CIA and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President met in the Roosevelt Room with members of the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security to thank them for their efforts in the past year. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President welcomes the visit of Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany to Washington, DC, on January 31.

The White House announced that the President announced that the White House will once again be open to tours, beginning on a limited basis in early February, for school groups.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released January 12

Statement by the Press Secretary: Pakistani President Musharraf's Speech

Released January 14

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: Elections in Madagascar

Released January 15

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 1202, S. 1714, S. 1741, and S. 1793

Released January 16

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2278, H.R. 2336, H.R. 2751, H.R. 3030, H.R. 3248, H.R. 3334, H.R. 3346, and H.R. 3348

Statement by the Press Secretary on appointments to the President's Council on Bioethics

Advance text of the President's remarks to World Affairs Council

Fact sheet: U.S.-Central America Free Trade Agreement (English and Spanish versions)

Released January 17

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by Chairman Karzai to Washington

Statement by the Press Secretary: Uruguayan President Jorge Batlle To Visit Washington

Fact sheet: President Bush Acts To Promote Strong Families, Safe Children

Fact sheet: Title III of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act (LIBERTAD)

Released January 18

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer